

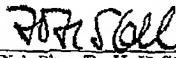
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I, Dipl.-Phys. Dr. H.-H. Stoffregen, declare:

1. I am a chartered European Patent and Trademark Attorney.
2. I was employed by Schunk Ultraschall-Technik GmbH of Germany ("Schunk") to file the applications referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the accompanying Petition for Retroactive Foreign Filing License pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 5.14(a) and 5.25 ("Petition").
3. Schunk is the parent company of Stapla Ultrasonics Corporation, Inc. of the United States, which corporation is the present assignee of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/633,177.
4. I filed the applications referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the accompanying Petition through error and without deceptive intent. At the time of filing the applications, I was not aware of the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 184 and 37 C.F.R. § 5.11 and was not aware that the invention of the applications was made in the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

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